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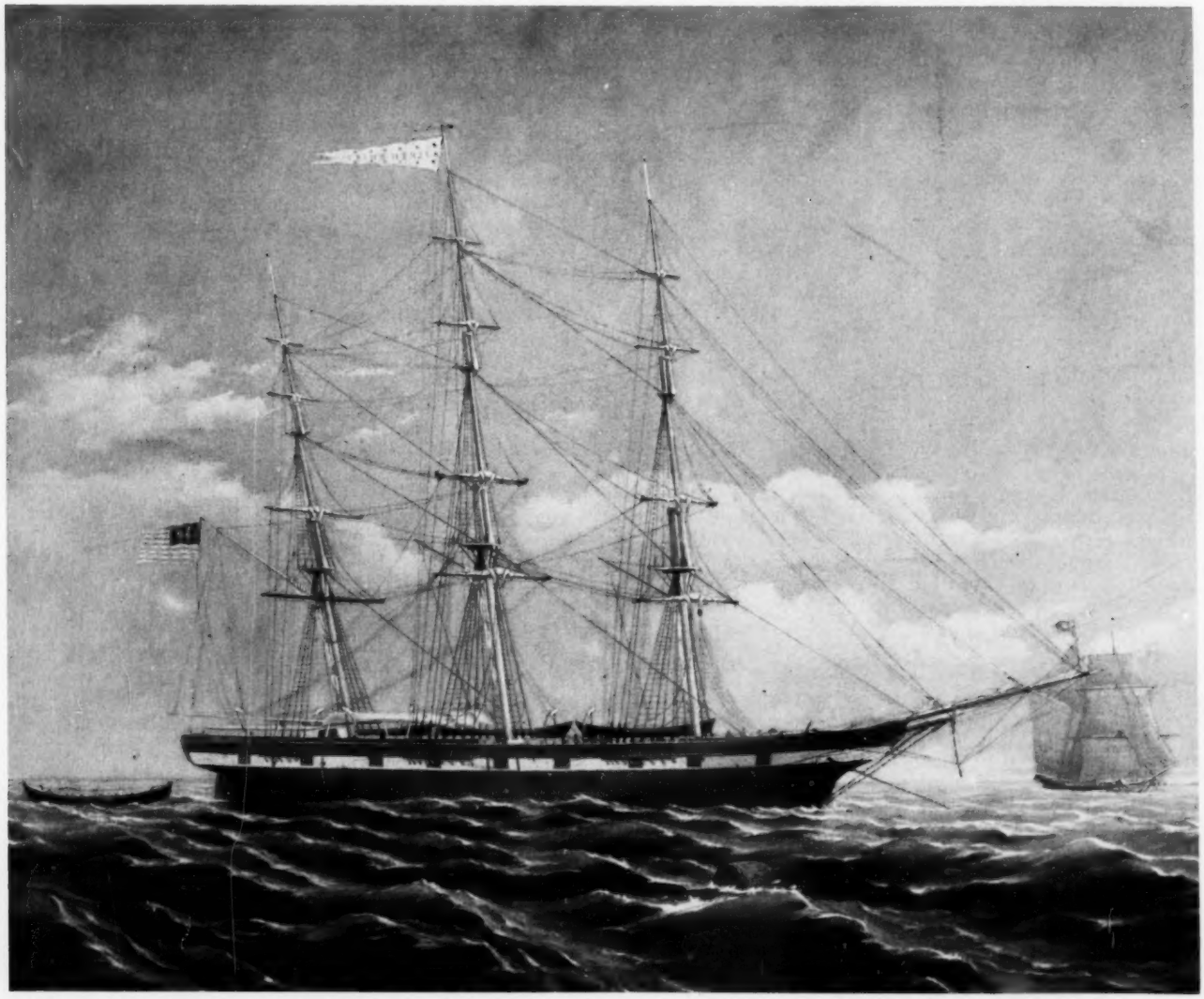

Whaling ship Jireh Swift, *built by Matthews, Mashow & Company at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, 1853 for Swift & Allen of New Bedford. Re-rigged as a bark, 1857. Captured in the North Pacific and burned by CSS* Shenandoah, *June 28, 1865. This vessel belonged to the class of "clipper whalers" which became popular with the opening of right whaling grounds in the North Pacific and Arctic seas. In this painting by William Bradford, the hull details agree closely with those of the builder's half model (see* NRJ *35-3, p. 132). The rig is lofty and agrees closely with surviving sail plan profiles of other clipper whalers. Private collection. Photo courtesy of Old Dartmouth Historical Society.*